

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8561–S8669

Measures Introduced: Seven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3773–3779 and S. Res. 546–547. **Page S8610**

Measures Reported:

S. 2590, to require full disclosure of all entities and organizations receiving Federal funds, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 3778, to reauthorize and improve the Small Business Act and the Small Business Act of 1958. **Page S8609**

Measures Passed:

Recognizing United States Winemakers: Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry was discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 399, recognizing the 30th anniversary of the victory of United States winemakers at the 1976 Paris Wine Tasting, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S8667**

Lane Evans Post Office Building: Senate passed S. 2555, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2633 11th Street in Rock Island, Illinois, as the “Lane Evans Post Office Building”. **Page S8667**

Major George Quamo Post Office Building: Senate passed S. 3613, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2951 New York Highway 43 in Averill Park, New York, as the “Major George Quamo Post Office Building”. **Page S8667**

Coach John Wooden Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 4646, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7320 Reseda Boulevard in Reseda, California, as the “Coach John Wooden Post Office Building”, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S8667**

John Paul Hammerschmidt Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 4811, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 215 West Industrial Park Road in Harrison, Arkansas, as

the “John Paul Hammerschmidt Post Office Building”, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S8667**

Captain George A. Wood Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 4962, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Pitcher Street in Utica, New York, as the “Captain George A. Wood Post Office Building”, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S8667**

Morris W. Milton Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 5104, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1750 16th Street South in St. Petersburg, Florida, as the “Morris W. Milton Post Office”, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S8667**

Earl D. Hutto Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 5107, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1400 West Jordan Street in Pensacola, Florida, as the “Earl D. Hutto Post Office Building”, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S8667**

Wilfred Edward ‘Cousin Willie’ Sieg, Sr. Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 5169, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1310 Highway 64 NW. in Ramsey, Indiana, as the “Wilfred Edward ‘Cousin Willie’ Sieg, Sr. Post Office”, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S8668**

Sergeant Jacob Dan Dones Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 5540, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 217 Southeast 2nd Street in Dimmitt, Texas, as the “Sergeant Jacob Dan Dones Post Office”, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S8668**

Department of Defense Appropriations Act: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 5631, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S8561–S8601**

Adopted:

Stevens (for Cochran) Modified Amendment No. 4758, to require a report assessing the Depleted Uranium Sensing and Treatment for Removal program of the Department of Defense. **Pages S8571–72**

Stevens (for Menendez) Amendment No. 4759, to make available from Other Procurement, Army, up to \$2,600,000 for the Virtual Interactive Combat Environment for the New Jersey National Guard. **Pages S8571–72**

Stevens (for Lugar) Amendment No. 4770, to make available from Other Procurement, Navy, up to \$3,000,000 for the Man Overboard Identification System program. **Pages S8571–72**

Stevens (for Carper) Amendment No. 4772, to provide that none of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be obligated or expended to provide award fees to any defense contractor for performance that does not meet the requirements of the contract. **Pages S8571–72**

Kyl Amendment No. 4788 (to Amendment No. 4775), to provide \$1,829,000,000 for the Army National Guard for the construction of 370 miles of triple-layered fencing, and 500 miles of vehicle barriers along the southwest border. **Pages S8567–70, S8574**

By 94 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. 220), Sessions Modified Amendment No. 4775, to provide \$1,829,100,000 for the Army National Guard for the construction of 370 miles of triple-layered fencing, and 461 miles of vehicle barriers along the southwest border, as amended. **Pages S8566–67, S8572, S8579–81**

Salazar Modified Amendment No. 4776, to provide that, of the amount appropriated or otherwise made available by title II for the Air Force for operation and maintenance, up to \$10,000,000 may be available for an interoperable communications capability for the United States Northern Command. **Pages S8585–87, S8590**

Stevens (for Smith/Wyden) Amendment No. 4778, to make available from Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Navy, up to \$2,000,000 for the Advanced Airship Flying Laboratory. **Pages S8590–91**

Stevens (for Dayton) Amendment No. 4773, to make available from additional appropriations for Operation and Maintenance, Army National Guard, up to \$6,700,000 for the pilot program of the Army National Guard on the reintegration of members of the National guard into civilian life after deployment. **Pages S8590–91**

Stevens (for Lott/Lieberman) Modified Amendment No. 4760, to make available \$2,000,000 from Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Army for the Para foil Joint Precision Air Drop System. **Pages S8590–91**

Stevens (for Conrad) Amendment No. 4796, to make available from Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Air Force, up to \$6,000,000 for Military-Standard–1760 integration for the internal weapons bays of B–52 aircraft. **Pages S8590–91**

Stevens (for Frist) Amendment No. 4771, to modify the notice and wait period applicable to modifications of certain contracts for national defense purposes. **Pages S8590–91**

By a unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. 221), Dodd Amendment No. 4819, to make available an additional \$6,700,000,000 to fund equipment reset requirements resulting from continuing combat operations, including repair, depot, and procurement activities. **Pages S8596–98**

Stevens (for Byrd) Amendment No. 4803, to require reports on the recommendations of the Defense Science Board regarding the management of the bio-metrics program of the Department of Defense. **Page S8599**

Stevens (for Warner) Amendment No. 4779, to make available from Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide, an additional amount of up to \$7,500,000 for the Joint Advertising, Market Research and Studies program. **Page S8599**

Stevens (for Inouye) Amendment No. 4766, to make available from Operation and Maintenance, Army, up to \$500,000 for the United States Army Center of Military History to support a traveling exhibit on military experience in World War II. **Page S8599**

Stevens (for Isakson) Amendment No. 4798, to make available from Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Army, up to \$1,000,000 for environmental management and compliance information. **Page S8599**

Stevens Amendment No. 4762, to require plans to procure medical countermeasures for treating forward deployed members of the Armed Forces against acute radiation syndrome and similar threats. **Pages S8562–66, S8600**

Stevens (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 4814, to make available from Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Air Force, up to \$1,500,000 for Commercialization and Industrialization of Adaptive Optics. **Pages S8600–01**

Stevens (for Sununu) Amendment No. 4829, to make available from Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Navy, up to \$1,000,000 for an integrated, low-cost, low-power Multibeam Side Scan Sonar System for Unmanned Underwater Vehicles. **Pages S8600–01**

Stevens (for Coleman) Modified Amendment No. 4792, to make available from Procurement of Ammunition, Air Force, up to \$5,000,000 for the procurement of Radiation Hardened Microelectronics.

Pages S8600–01

Stevens (for Schumer/Coleman) Modified Amendment No. 4783, to provide that up to \$9,000,000 of the amount appropriated or otherwise made available by chapter 2 of title IX for the Army for operation and maintenance and up to \$2,000,000 of the amount appropriated or otherwise made available by such chapter for the Marine Corps for operation and maintenance may be made available for the procurement of hemostatic agents, including bloodclotting bandages and invasive hemostatic agents, for use by members of the Armed Forces in the field.

Pages S8600–01

Rejected:

Durbin Modified Amendment No. 4781, to appropriate, with an offset, an additional \$2,000,000 for Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Army for the improvement of imaging for traumatic brain injuries. (By 54 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 222), Senate tabled the amendment.)

Pages S8582–85, S8598–99

Pending:

Kennedy Amendment No. 4802, to require a new National Intelligence Estimate on Iraq.

Pages S8582, S8599

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

Chair sustained a point of order that Reid Amendment No. 4795, to provide for the extension and modification of certain tax relief provisions, other tax provisions, and Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act amendments, violated rule XVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, which prohibits legislation on an appropriation bill. **Pages S8570–71**

Chair sustained a point of order that Dorgan Amendment No. 4805, to improve Federal contracting and procurement by eliminating fraud and abuse and improving competition in contracting and procurement and by enhancing administration of Federal contracting personnel, violated rule XVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, which prohibits legislation on an appropriation bill. **Pages S8591–96**

Chair sustained a point of order that Kyl Amendment No. 4806, to prohibit the suspension of royalties under certain circumstances, to clarify the authority to impose price thresholds for certain leases, to limit the eligibility of certain lessees for new leases, and to restrict the transfer of certain leases, violated rule XVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, which prohibits legislation on an appropriation bill. **Pages S8587–90, S8599**

Chair sustained a point of order that Cornyn Modified Amendment No. 4768, to provide emergency supplemental appropriations for border security and immigration reform, violated rule XVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, which prohibits legislation on an appropriation bill.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, August 3, 2006. **Page S8669**

Estate Tax and Extension of Tax Relief Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 5970, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the unified credit against the estate tax to an exclusion equivalent of \$5,000,000, to repeal the sunset provision for the estate and generation-skipping taxes, and to extend expiring provisions. **Page S8668**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the motion to invoke cloture may occur on Friday, August 4, 2006. **Page S8668**

Subsequently, the motion to proceed was withdrawn. **Page S8668**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

- 3 Army nominations in the rank of general.
- 1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.
- 1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy. **Page S8669**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Roslynn Renee Mauskopf, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York.

Liam O'Grady, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia.

Lawrence Joseph O'Neill, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California.

Dabney Langhorne Friedrich, of Virginia, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission for the remainder of the term expiring October 31, 2009. **Page S8669**

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Amendments Submitted:

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Authorities for Committees to Meet:

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Privileges of the Floor:

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—222) Pages S8581, S8598, S8599

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:06 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, August 3, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8669.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FOREST EMERGENCY RECOVERY AND RESEARCH ACT

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Subcommittee on Forestry, Conservation, and Rural Revitalization concluded a hearing to examine H.R. 4200, to improve the ability of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to promptly implement recovery treatments in response to catastrophic events affecting Federal lands under their jurisdiction, including the removal of dead and damaged trees and the implementation of reforestation treatments, to support the recovery of non-Federal lands damaged by catastrophic events, to revitalize Forest Service experimental forests, after receiving testimony from Lynn Scarlett, Deputy Secretary of the Interior; Mark Rey, Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment; Oregon State Senator Charlie Ringo, Beaverton; Alan Thompson, Ravalli County Commissioner, Hamilton, Montana, on behalf of the National Association of Counties; Sue Kupillas, Communities for Healthy Forests, Roseburg, Oregon; Jim Crouch, Jim Crouch and Associates, Russellville, Arkansas, on behalf of Ouachita Timber Purchasers Group, Ozark-St. Francis Renewable Resource Council, and the Lake States Federal Timber Purchasers Group; John A. Helms, University of California, Berkeley, on behalf of the Society of American Foresters; James R. Karr, University of Washington, Seattle; Robert L. Krepps, St. Louis County Land Commissioner, Duluth, Minnesota; and Leah W. MacSwords, Kentucky State Forester, Frankfort, on behalf of the National Association of State Foresters.

CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch resumed hearings to examine the progress of Capitol Visitor Center construction, receiving testimony from Alan M. Hantman, Architect, and Doug Jacobs, Capitol Visitor Center Project Architect, both of the Office of the Architect of the Capitol; and Bernard L. Ungar, Director, and Terrell Dorn, Director, both of Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

MILITARY COMMISSIONS: HAMDAN V. RUMSFELD

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings to examine the status of military commissions in light of the Supreme Court decision in Hamdan v. Rumsfeld, after receiving testimony from Alberto R. Gonzales, Attorney General of the United States, Department of Justice; and Gordon R. England, Deputy Secretary of Defense.

OVERHEAD IMAGERY SYSTEMS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in closed session to discuss overhead imagery systems.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill to improve ratings quality for the protection of investors and in the public interest by fostering accountability, transparency, and competition in the credit rating agency industry.

VETERANS' HOUSING NEEDS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation concluded a hearing to examine Federal and local efforts to meet the housing needs of veterans, after receiving testimony from Mark Johnston, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Special Needs; Keith Pedigo, Director, Loan Guaranty Service, and Peter H. Dougherty, Director, Homeless Veterans Programs, both of the Department of Veterans Affairs; Cheryl Beversdorf, National Coalition for Homeless Veterans, Washington, D.C.; and Barbara Banaszynski, Volunteers of America, Louisville, Kentucky.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Charles D. Nottingham, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board, and Sean T. Connaughton, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Maritime Administration, both of the Department of Transportation, Robert L. Sumwalt